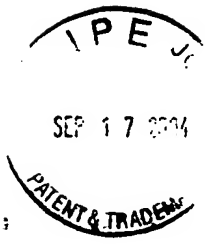


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This letter is to request a status report on the referenced patent application. Our file reflects that we have received nothing from your office concerning this application except the filing receipt. Please advise us immediately as to the status of this application.

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